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SUBJECT: EC-CEMA DRAFT AGREEMENT: INCLUSION OF BERLIN

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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
PLAISANT HAS GIVEN US ACCOUNT SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIRMING,
BUT GOING BEYOND REFTEL ON GENSCHER-GUIRINGAUD DISCUSSION
THIS SUBJECT NOVEMBER 26.

2. PLAISANT, WHO WE GATHER ATTENDED MEETING, SAYS THAT
GUIRINGAUD TOLD GENSCHER IN FORCEFUL TERMS THAT PARIS
THOUGHT FRG TACTIC OF WAVING BERLIN FLAG AT VERY OUTSET
OF EC-CEMA DISCUSSIONS WAS BEST WAY OF DEADLOCKING THEM
FROM START. FRENCH ENTIRELY SHARED GERMAN VIEW THAT
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BERLIN MUST BE INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT. HOWEVER THEY WERE

CONVINCED THAT USSR WAS MORE LIKELY TO AGREE IF THEY WERE PERMITTED "TO SAVE FACE."

3. ACCORDINGLY DE GUIRINGAUD PROPOSED TO GENSCHER THAT INCLUSION OF BERLIN ISSUE BE PUT OFF IN NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL ARTICLE 6, DEALING WITH ITS TERRITORIAL APPLICATION, IS REACHED IN NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS. EVEN THEN ISSUE SHOULD BE HANDLED OBLIQUELY, PERHAPS EVEN IN CORRIDORS. SINCE ARTICLE 6 RELATES EEC-CEMA AGREEMENT TO TERRITORIAL APPLICATION OF TREATY OF ROME, ALL THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED MIGHT BE TO "REMIND" SOVIET DELEGATION THAT THIS INCLUDES BERLIN, SINCE THEY ARE BY NOW FULLY AWARE THAT THIS IS WESTERN CONDITION.

4. PLAISANT SAID THAT GENSCHER ACCEPTED THIS APPROACH, CLAIMING THAT THE FRG POSITION ON THIS POINT HAD BEEN "MISUNDERSTOOD". IT WAS CONSEQUENTLY "AGREED", AS PLAISANT TELLS IT, TO PRESENT A TACTICAL APPROACH, ALONG ABOVE LINES, FIRST TO BONN GROUP AND THEN TO THE NINE FOR CONSIDERATION.

5. IN TELLING THIS STORY PLAISANT CLEARLY REFLECTED CONTINUED FRENCH IRRITATION OVER INITIAL "IMPRUDENCE" FRG APPROACH THIS PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY SINCE FRENCH REP IN BONN GROUP HAD EXPRESSED QUAI'S VIEWS OVER YEAR AGO BUT HAD RECEIVED NO ANSWER. PLAISANT NOW SEEMED FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT PROBLEM, WHICH HE REPEATEDLY LINKED TO "SPIRIT OF VAN WELL ARTICLE", WAS ON ROAD TO SOLUTION.

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